



The Bishop's Weekly Chat With You.

Dear Boys:

The Catholic Church offers an opportunity for the greatest possible spiritual advancement to all. If a boy feels no special inward urge to the Priesthood, if he does not feel that he is sufficiently talented, if he should prefer not to assume its responsibility, and if he would still like to get away from the world and make himself useful in the service of God, there is the call of the Brotherhood.

What do the Brothers do? Some of them teach in Catholic high schools, and hundreds more are needed in this field; some of them do the manual work at the Motherhouse in the capacity of machinists, tailors, all round handy men; some are needed to do the cooking, the nursing, the farming; some are engaged as missionaries in foreign lands.

Every Brother, no matter what his work be, has a grand opportunity to sanctify himself, and to earn a large store of merit for eternity. Those who teach school are engaged in the formation of characters just as much as are the Sisters who teach in the school. Those who work on the farm, or in the kitchen, or in one of the shops connected with the Motherhouse, are meriting just as much, because they make of their work a prayer, and in accepting the assignment made to them, they know that they are doing the will of God better than if they did seemingly more meritorious things of their own volition. At the Motherhouse they have the great advantage of community life, and their prayers and meditations and spiritual exercises in common, and retire at night without any worry on their minds.

There are many young men in the world who seem to be entirely out of place, who do not care to marry, who are living only to themselves alone, who are working merely to eke out an existence, but who are not satisfied themselves, and who seem to be living to no special purpose. In one of our Brotherhoods, I am certain, they would be much more happy and contented, and would feel that their services, whatever they might be, were helpful to others the while they cultivated an earnest love for God.

Think of the many who are employed in the United States in the thousands of hotels as chefs and waiters. Some of them should be chefs and cooks in monasteries and in the Motherhouses of our Brotherhoods. Think of the many expert mechanics in various fields who have no higher ambition in life than to merely earn the money which their skill makes possible, and who squander the same recklessly. Their services would be invaluable, in any religious organization of men, and by dedicating their skill to the service of God they would give it a double purchase power.

You recall the words of our Divine Savior addressed to a young man who was rich, but who seemed not to be satisfied. Our Lord, first of all, told him that he must observe the commandments. Everyone must do that much, if he hopes to attain eternal salvation. The young man replied that he was succeeding quite well in keeping the commandments in the world. Then Jesus said to him: "One thing is wanting unto thee. If thou wilt be perfect, go, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven, and come, follow me." Jesus was inviting him to leave the world and follow a more perfect life. It was this advice to the young man that led to the foundation of the various religious orders and congregations in the Church.

Some of the greatest saints of the Church have been simple lay Brothers, who neither did open missionary work nor taught school, but who sought to make their lives a continual oblation to God by doing, without asking why, the will of their superiors, and who utilized to the best advantage the opportunity they had for self-sanctification. But in our country the Church, which has always conducted efficient schools, must now compete with the high schools operated by the states. Both for efficiency and economy's sake several parishes unite in building and maintaining a high school. Difficult as it is to procure the financial assistance to conduct such institutions, it is

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UNCLEAN PICTURES AND PAPERS OBJECTS OF ATTACK IN TWO EUROPEAN CATHOLIC COUNTRIES

Students of Louvain University Compel Manager of Theatre to Withdraw Objectionable Film.

Louvain.—The students of the University of Louvain, incensed at the suggestive posters advertising a photoplay of dubious morality, sent a delegation to the manager of the theatre requesting him not to present that film. On the plea that the board of film censors had given its approval to the picture, the manager refused. The refusal having been communicated to the students, they decided to boycott the place and to keep the movie amateurs out of the theatre upon the nights the objectionable film was to be shown. Armed with whistles and reed pipes they massed more than a thousand strong along the near approaches to the theatre, opposing a living barrier to all who attempted to reach it. The city police ordered to disperse the turbulent crowd were unequal to the task. Whenever the patrolmen succeeded in opening a passage to an odd patron of the playhouse who dared to brave the hissing and hooting, at the word of command, the whistles and reed pipes were blown, rendering the air and shaming the would-be patron of the show. On coming out later on, he was hailed with another such salute. The boys kept up the fun three nights. Then the Burgomaster ordered the presentation of the film to be stopped and the moving picture exhibitor made his peace with the young men of the university by dropping from his program another salacious feature he had announced and substituting in its stead one of a moralizing nature he had repeatedly refused to put upon the screen of his house.

PUBLIC NOVENA

By direction of the Rt. Rev. Bishop, a public novena for Vocations will be observed in all the churches of the diocese from Wednesday, April 6 to Thursday, April 14, inclusive.

CONSECRATION OF MSGR. GERKEN TO BE A NOTABLE EVENT

PRELATES OF THE SOUTHWEST TAKE PART.

The Right Rev. Rudolph A. Gerken, D. D., Bishop-elect of Amarillo, will be consecrated in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Dallas, Texas, on April 26. The Right Rev. Joseph P. Lynch, Bishop of Dallas, will officiate as Consecrator, and the co-consecrators will be the Right Rev. Christopher E. Byrne, Bishop of Galveston, and the Right Rev. Francis Clement Kelly, Bishop of Oklahoma. The Archbishop of San Antonio, the Most Rev. Arthur J. Drossaerts, D. D., will deliver the sermon.

Current Catholic Events.

—A subsidy of half a million francs to a French Religious Order working in Japan has been voted by the Department of Deputies in Paris. The money will enable the Fathers to restore their teaching establishments, destroyed in the recent earthquake.

—Sister Milcent, religious of St. Vincent de Paul, who was the first to found labor organizations for French women, died recently in Paris.

—A group of armed and masked men, seized a wagon load of English papers directed to a news dealer of Dublin, Ireland. Seventy-five percent of the space of most of the newspapers destroyed was devoted to the recital of nauseating crime.

—In a parliamentary debate in England, the fact that English communists were teaching children to blaspheme God was bared in a sensational manner.

—The annual Actors' Mission opened last Sunday with a mid-day Mass in the Actors' Chapel of St. Malachy's Church, New York City.

—Dashing through a bullet swept ally of Shanghai, Father Jacquet succeeded in rescuing 500 children and other refugees from a battle torn section of the besieged city.

—De La Salle High School of Joliet, Ill., won the International High School Basketball Championship in the recent annual tournament held at Loyola University, Chicago.

—Fra Junipero Serra has been selected by the Senate Committee of California as the first of the two most famous Californians deserving a place in the Hall of Fame in the Capitol at Washington, D. C.

—The University of Notre Dame track squad won the first annual Central Inter-Collegiate meet. Notre Dame totaled 42 points and Michigan State was second with 26 points.

—The Minister of the Colonies of France has decorated two missionary bishops, Msgr. Gendreau, Apostolic Vicar at Tonkin, and Msgr. Le Canus, Bishop of Fort-de-France, in Martinique. Both have been missionaries for 53 years.

—A Bordeaux radio station has been transmitting the Lenten instructions given by a Jesuit father, Father Coulet, from the pulpit of St. Andrew's.

DIOCESAN DIRECTOR'S PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPOINTMENTS FOR APRIL.

Sunday A. M., April 3.—St. Peter's, LaPorte.
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Tuesday Evening, April 5.—St. Joseph's, Lebanon.
Wednesday Evening, April 6.—St. Mary's, Anderson.
Thursday Evening, April 7.—St. Joseph's, Bluffton.
Friday Evening, April 8.—St. John's Evangelist, Hartford City.
Sunday A. M., April 10.—St. Patrick's, Kokomo.
Tuesday Evening, April 12.—St. Joseph's, Reynolds.
Wednesday Evening, April 13.—St. Francis Xavier's, Attica.
Thursday Evening, April 14.—St. Joseph's, Delphi.
Sunday A. M., April 24.—St. Lawrence's, Muncie.

MAY.
May 1st to May 8th.—Mission at St. Michael's Church, Shererville, Ind.
May 8th.—Propagation of the Faith, St. Mary's Church, Crown Point, Ind.
These appointments have the approval of the Bishop.

growing more and more difficult to procure the teaching staff, simply because a too heavy drain is being made on the teaching Brotherhoods. You would render a great service to your Church, to Catholic youth, and to your own soul, if you, not feeling a call to the Priesthood, would embrace one of the Brotherhoods. If you long to serve God more intimately than is possible in the world with its cares, distractions, temptations, and if you feel that you have not the talent either for the Priesthood or the teaching Brotherhood, why not enter a religious community for your own soul's benefit and to help the household or farm work, which some evidently must do, and in doing which you will be serving God?

+ John Francis Noll
Ch. of St. Mary's

French Bishops' Loyalty is Pleasing to Supreme Pontiff



SKELTON POINTS LENTEN MORAL. Father James H. Cox, pastor of Old St. Patrick's church, Pittsburgh, has been using this bit of realism to impress upon his hearers the lessons in his sermons. Thousands have thus far attended the services. (P. & A.)

The Holy Father Makes Another Important Pronouncement On "Action Francaise."

Rome.—Another important papal pronouncement on the "Action Francaise" was made by the Holy Father on Friday, when he received the superiors and pupils of the French Pontifical Seminary. From France there has come to him news which has caused him much preoccupation, said His Holiness, and much grief over the attitude assumed by souls misled by false teachers. These teachers, he continued, drawing their inspiration from diverse erroneous and scandalous sources, and showing extreme arrogance, audacity and a spirit of revolt, have taught a strange distinction between the Pope who speaks *ex cathedra* and the Pope who exercises other functions of his pastoral office. It is said, His Holiness continued, that there have been found some theologians who have approved these false doctrines; but, if this be true, they are theologians who have forgotten their theology and the submission due papal authority. Pope Pius also protested against accusations made by the *Action Francaise* declaring them mere fables, hateful calumnies and pure insults. Nevertheless, he said, he willingly pardons and excuses these persons who act but know not what they do. He believes, he added, that they will perceive their errors when they understand the injustice of their conduct. When that time comes, he declared, no heart will be more indulgent for them than his. His Holiness thanked, through his visitors, the French Bishops for the noble communication they have just sent him, expressing their adherence to his directions, and rejoiced over the confirmation, thus given of the expression, "*Ubi Petrus, ibi Ecclesia*" (Wherever Peter is, there is the Church).

BOYOLOGY CLASS SETS RECORD IN ATTENDANCE

Community Center Course Ends With Banquet in Elks' Auditorium.

Fort Wayne established a new attendance record for boyology classes when the course, conducted by the Boy Life Bureau, it was announced Monday night, March 28, by Joseph D. Becker, field secretary of the bureau, at a banquet given in the Elks' auditorium. Four hundred persons, including the men who had taken the course, and their wives, were in attendance. Short addresses were made by Rt. Rev. Bishop John F. Noll, D. D., Congressman David I. Hogg, James V. Egan, Catholic Community center director, and John L. Anguish, Fort Wayne, executive of the Boy Scouts of America. Alex A. Karthol, grand knight of the Knights of Columbus, was toastmaster. After the addresses, 157 men were awarded diplomas, and John J. Disser was named chairman of a committee to perfect a permanent organization of the men completing the course. Mr. Becker said that 450 Fort Wayne men were registered for the course in Fort Wayne, a number exceeding the attendance marks at Brooklyn, Montreal, Baltimore, South Bend, and other cities visited this year. "Boyology is especially important now because of the radical changes that have taken place in our recreational habits," said Bishop Noll. "We can all remember when we sought most of our pleasure at home, but the automobile, the railroad, the radio and the theater have lured us away, with the result that the home influence is much less than it used to be." He commended the course's method of endeavoring to reach the growing boy, and suggested that boyology would work best in conjunction with the other character forming agencies, the home, the church and the school. James V. Egan made a short address, presenting Mr. Becker with a watch on behalf of the men enrolled for the course. Congressman Hogg and Mr. Anguish lauded the course and hoped that the enthusiasm thus started would be continued. "You have acquired the boyish viewpoint through boyology," Mr. Becker said, "an essential to complete co-operation with the boy in helping him to grow up to be a better citizen. You have also learned the value of group rather than individual competition as a stimulus to wholesome development. Individual competition brings about selfishness; group competition promotes cooperation, a characteristic essential in government, home life and in business."

He commended the idea of the community center here, boys and girls, regardless of creed, and said that he has not seen a more complete or better community center in any other city visited.

Announcement was made that the team prize for course work was won by the Hippopotami, captained by Charles D. Dolan. The Beavers, captained by Joseph Oswald, were second. These teams presented entertainment after the addresses and awarding of diplomas.

Seventeen Prelates Attend Funeral of Msgr. Canevin

THE RIGHT REVEREND BISHOP AMONG THOSE PRESENT.

Deceased Archbishop Forbids Eulogy.

Two archbishops and fifteen bishops, besides a large number of prelates of lesser rank, attended the funeral of the Most Rev. John Francis Canevin, titular archbishop of Pelusium, and retired bishop of Pittsburgh, held Saturday at the St. Paul Cathedral. By a special written request, Msgr. Canevin refused the honors of a eulogy. As a result, no funeral oration was pronounced.

It is said of Archbishop Canevin that during the time he presided over the Diocese of Pittsburgh parish buildings throughout the See were erected on an average of one every 30 days. He also brought about an increase in the number of hospitals and their activities, while the number of nuns in the diocese trebled during his time.

The Right Reverend Bishop of Fort Wayne left on Friday evening to attend the funeral, and after the ceremonies was the guest of one of the prominent pastors of the city with whom he visited many of the impressive ecclesiastical edifices of Pittsburgh.

Father Dhe Becomes Assistant Dean of Lafayette District

The appointment of the Rev. Charles Dhe, pastor of Sacred Heart church, Fowler, Ind., as Vice-Dean of the Lafayette district, has just been announced by the Right Rev. Bishop. The Very Rev. John R. Dinnen, retired, is Dean of Lafayette district, and the new appointment is made to relieve him of the work and responsibility connected with the active duties of his office.

JOHN W. FITZPATRICK, PROMINENT IN A. F. L., DENOUNCES CALLES

Baltimore.—President Calles of Mexico was called the "archbishop of bolshevism" in an address here by John W. Fitzpatrick of New York, who is prominent in the American Federation of Labor.

Second Cottage For Retired Priests Completed

Bishop's Project For Aged Priests Effective

The plan of the Right Reverend Bishop, announced some months ago, to build several cottages for the occupancy of aged and retired priests of the diocese is progressing with the recent completion of the second of a group of neat and spacious dwellings, located upon the grounds of St. Vincent's Orphanage, Fort Wayne. One of the cottages under the plan of the Bishop is now occupied by the Rev. B. Wideo, formerly pastor of St. John Church, New Haven, Ind. Father Wideo's house at New Haven will be occupied by the Sisters, who have been living in a rented dwelling, following the engagement of additional teachers recently. The Rev. Max Benzinger of Hesse Cassel will occupy the other, possibly within another month. This method of offering honorable retirement for priests who have spent their energies in their sacred calling has been adopted by the Bishop as a method which will offer the greatest independence and at the same time the largest security and comfort to retiring priests. The clergyman who retires under this plan will not be under the necessity of separating himself from the comforts to which he is accustomed. He is in a position to have his own housekeeper, and will not be under the necessity of submitting to community rule or being dependent upon charity.

Supreme Chaplain of Knights of Columbus Received at Vatican

ROME CABLE. Rome.—Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. McGivney, supreme chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, headed a group of Knights, who were received by the Pope on Thursday, and who presented to His Holiness a beautifully illuminated set of resolutions, deploring the persecution of the Church in Mexico, and a purse of \$25,000 to help the Holy See to relieve the distress in that unhappy land and among its exiles in other countries.

Edward L. Hearn, European commissioner of the Knights of Columbus, and Msgr. Francis J. Spellman, an American priest, who is an assistant in the Papal Secretariat of State, accompanied Msgr. McGivney.

In the supreme chaplain's party also were his brother, Rev. John J. McGivney, Rev. Thomas Sullivan, William O'Hara and F. J. Brennan. They had just come from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

His Holiness expressed his deep pleasure at the visit. He was pleased, he said, at the gift, presented in the manner in which it was presented, and pleased above all at the spirit of filial devotion and fraternal charity which prompted it. He then extended, through his visitors, his thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the valuable work they have done everywhere, especially in Rome, as exemplified in the Oratory of San Pietro. He blessed the officers and members of the Order, expressing the wish that they might ever work for the welfare of the Church and of their great country.

In the evening a dinner was given by Commissioner Hearn in honor of the party, at which were present Cardinal Cerretti and other high Vatican prelates.

National Director Of Propagation Of Faith in Rome

Rome.—Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Quinn, national director of the Propagation of the Faith in the United States, has arrived in Rome for the meetings of the central body of the Propaganda Fidei, which begin Tuesday.

Distinguished English Astronomer Guest at Creighton

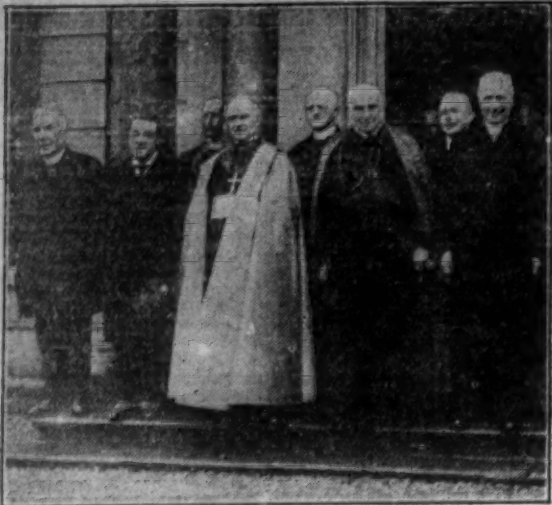
Omaha, Neb.—Professor H. H. Turner of Oxford University, one of the foremost English astronomers, visited the Rev. William F. Rigge, S. J., Creighton University astronomer recently on his way to California for a series of lectures.

Golden Dome of Notre Dame Beacon for Air Pilots.

Notre Dame, Ind.—The Golden Dome of Notre Dame, surmounting the Administration building of the University, has become an unofficial integer of air mail service. The dome, covered with gold leaf and rising 260 feet above the ground, is used as a beacon by the pilots of the Detroit-Chicago air mail run, according to E. G. Hamilton, head of the Aviation department of the Ford company, contractors for the air mail in this district. Visible for forty miles across the Indiana prairies, the dome is of particular value to the pilots in shaping their course when weather conditions make low flying necessary.



BACK FROM OLD ERIN. Father Anthony J. Grogan, director of the home for Irish immigrant girls, New York, has just returned to the United States following the first visit he has made in 35 years to his birthplace. (Keystone Views)



CARDINAL O'DONNELL IN BELFAST. His Eminence recently opened the Nazareth House bazaar in the Northern Capital. In the picture he appears (fourth from the left) with Bishop Joseph MacRory at his right. Joseph Devlin, M. P., is seen second from the left. (Wide World)

Living Family Wage For Workers Urged By English Priest

London.—Father Joseph Degen, of the mining parish of Coalville, Leicester, advocated recently the adoption of legislation securing a living family wage for all adult workers in all industries, or alternatively the acceptance of the principle of family allowances either from industry or from the State.

"The only practical way in which to produce anything approaching nationwide contentment," he said, "is to get the principle of a family living wage recognized in law as part and parcel of our social legislation."

The ideal of home life would be restored by high wages, he observed, claiming that men would be able to spend their evenings at home and share the responsibility of educating the family when they were not forced to grow their own vegetables on hired land, and when their wives were not forced to take in washing and lodgers to supplement the family income.

Father Degen denounced birth prevention as a cure for social and economic ills. "Two coffins to one cradle" would lead to national self-slaughter, he said.

Paper in Mexican Capital Condemns Calles' Cruelties

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gos, revolutionary leader, who was threatening the State capital. Becoming even bolder, another band attacked the outskirts of the capital of the State of Queretaro, killing a part of the garrison and capturing arms.

So unsafe has life and the making of a living in peace become in Mexico that large groups are reported going toward the border in the hope of entering the United States. In many cases they are meeting with difficulties because of immigration regulations, it is said, but the attempted exodus continues, despite this fact and the efforts of the Calles Government to halt it.

Protest Against Ruthlessness
El Excelesior, in its protest against the ruthless treatment of civilians by Calles agents, says:

"From the day on which the first parties of rebels appeared in various States of the Republic, officers in charge of military operations have devoted themselves not alone to the extermination of these, but also they have pursued in most instances people charged justly or unjustly with having taken part in plots and conspiracies, but who, nevertheless, had not been captured under arms. And we refer not only to such barbarous assassinations, which are a disgrace to our civilization, as those which occurred in Colima, Nayarit and Oaxaca, but also to executions of a summary nature and not preceded by any trial which, in every part of the country, are being committed against persons suspected of being in conspiracy—to whom the name of rebels could not be applied, because they were not captured while participating in any armed movement."

Quoting the article in the Constitu-



READY FOR CEREMONIES OF EASTER. The picture is that of the magnificent main altar in the crypt of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C. The ceramic work on the altar is regarded as one among the finest bits of artistry in the country. (Henry Miller)

Letter St. Therese Wrote in Jan., '97, Printed First Time

Rome.—There has just been published for the first time a letter which St. Therese of Jesus, then a Carmelite nun at the Carmel of Lisieux, France, wrote a few months before her death to Brother Simon of the Institute of Christian Schools, director of St. Joseph's College in Rome. The letter, dated January 1, 1897, breathes the exquisite goodness, the angelic piety, and the deep humility of the "Little Flower" of Carmel. It follows, in part:

"With pleasure I join my sister Genevieve in thanking you for the great favor you have obtained for our Carmelite convent. Not knowing how to express my gratitude to you, I will show you, by my prayers at the feet of the Lord, how moved I am by your kindness to us."

"A feeling of sadness is intermingled with the joy in hearing that your health is still bad; therefore I am asking Jesus with all my heart to prolong your life—so precious to the Church—as long as possible."

"I know well that the Divine Master must be in a hurry to crown you in heaven, but I hope that He will still leave you in exile so that, in working for His glory as you have hitherto done from your youth, the immense weight of your merits should suffice for the many souls who present themselves before God with empty hands."

"I dare to hope, most dear Brother, to be among the number of those fortunate souls who will share in your merits, as I believe my career here below will not be long. . . . When I shall appear before my beloved Spouse I will only have my wishes to present to Him; but if you will have preceded me home, I hope that you will come to meet me and offer the merits of your works, so fruitful, for me. . . ."

"You see well that your little Carmelite Sisters cannot write you without asking some favor or without making an appeal to your generosity. I beseech you not to forget me near Him should you have the happiness of seeing Him before me. One thing I beg you to ask for my soul and it is the grace to love Jesus and to make Him loved as much as possible."

"If then our Lord should come to seek me first I promise to pray according to your intentions and for all those who are dear to you. However I am not waiting until I arrive in heaven to offer up this prayer, for I am very happy to be able to show my deep gratitude in this way."

St. Stanislaus Wins Bishop Noll Trophy

Boys of Saint Stanislaus' parish, East Chicago, are the proud holders of the coveted "Bishop Noll Trophy" for the season of 1926-27.

In the semi-finals, held at C. C. H. S. gym., March 19, the games resulted in the following scores:

St. Andrew 14, St. Stanislaus 26; St. Casimir 3, Sacred Heart 34. The final contest between Sacred Heart and St. Stanislaus was spirited and resulted in an over-period game in which St. Stanislaus registered the winning toss, giving them a 19 to 18 victory.

Although Sacred Heart looked like a sure winner all through the battle St. Stanislaus in a determined effort in the last quarter tied the score; and in the extra session scored its winning basket.

Cup and medals awarded are gifts of Messrs. Geo. Knoezer, Hoes Bros. and Frank Brophy, all of Hammond. Mrs. Poppen, Whiting, was elected as permanent chairlady of the committee for the C. C. H. S. annual bazaar, April 20-23.

K. of C. Club-Hotel Opened To the Public

The new fifteen-story \$4,000,000 Club-Hotel of the New York Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, at Eighth Avenue and Fifty-first Street, New York, was formally opened with elaborate ceremonies Saturday, March 12. At noon the doors of the big building were thrown open to the general public, regardless of race or creed.

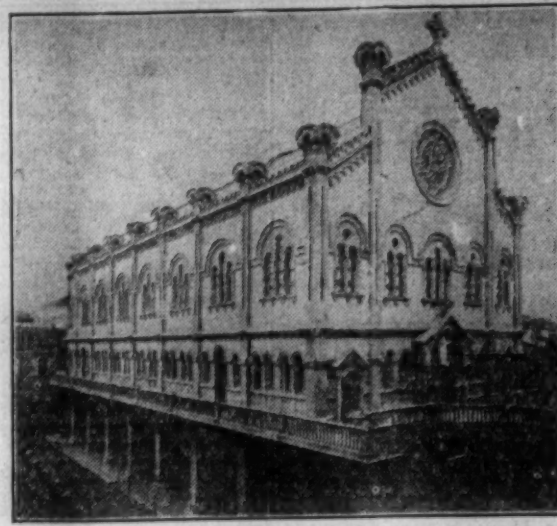
Throughout the day and until midnight, handball, bowling and billiard tournaments, exhibitions of swimming and diving and demonstrations of gymnastic apparatus were held. Immediately after the doors were opened an orchestra for dancing struck up in one of the lounges.

Another orchestra played for dancing in the dining room throughout the lunch hour. At night the big auditorium was turned into a ballroom, where members and their guests danced until midnight. With the exception of the dining rooms, where the usual rates prevailed, all visitors were entertained as guests of the Club-Hotel.

Joseph J. Drake, chairman of the chapter, and the Grand Knights of the forty-two councils in Manhattan and The Bronx, which constitute the chapter, acted as a reception committee.

The chapter has over 23,000 members, and most of them visited the club-house at some time during the day.

The Club-Hotel is the first building of its kind ever opened under Catholic auspices in this country. It combines the features of a modern hotel with those of a club, and will be open to men guests of any creed. Arrangements are being made to extend the privileges of the swimming pool and the recreation features of the club to women on certain days.



MODERN CHURCH IN BEIRUT, SYRIA. This new chapel of the Christian Brothers College of the Sacred Heart in the ancient city was recently consecrated by Msgr. Gianini, Apostolic Delegate. The college is visited by many Americans on pilgrimages to the Holy Land. (Dr. Mombelli)

BISHOP RUSSELL CALLED.

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the parochial school of old St. Patrick's, where he was an altar boy. At the early age of 14 he received the call to the priesthood, and was sent to St. Charles' College at Ellicott City, Md. Despite the fact that his pastor did not believe he would persist in his early determination to enter the clergy, he continued at St. Charles' for six years, then entered St. Mary's Seminary at Baltimore.

Attended North American College At the end of his second year at St. Mary's, Cardinal Gibbons, recognizing his qualities, sent him to the North American College at Rome to complete his theological course. There he remained only a year, however, his health forcing him to return to the Baltimore seminary. In 1889 he was ordained and sent to a parish in a small Maryland town, where he labored five years. With his time not wholly occupied, he pursued his thirst for learning, and drove to Washington several times a week to attend classes at the Catholic University of America. After two years he was awarded the degree Licentiate of Sacred Theology. Later he won the degrees D. D. from St. Mary's and LL. D. from Mt. St. Mary's, Emmitsburg, Md.

By this time Father Russell's work had vindicated Cardinal Gibbons' early confidence in him, and the great Cardinal called him to Baltimore, where for 14 years he was his friend and secretary.

In 1908 he was sent to St. Patrick's Church, in Washington, D. C., as rector. This downtown church had for some years been in many respects the most outstanding in the capital, and had become the headquarters of the Archbishops of Baltimore when they visited the city. Father Russell proceeded to give it a national renown. In the same year of his arrival, he founded the League of the Good Shepherd, a pious organization of men, in whom he ever had an intense interest with the purpose of deepening piety and broadening knowledge of the Faith for its propagation and defense. He labored indefatigably in promoting the League. He regularly addressed it once a week, turning down every invitation on its meeting nights. He won for it the Pontifical approval in perpetuity of Pope Pius X and indulgences for its members, and had the pleasure of seeing his idea taken up and branches of the League formed elsewhere.

Pan-American Mass The year after he went to St. Patrick's, he surprised Washington with the first Pan-American Thanksgiving Mass. This ceremony he originated as a means to bring together official representatives of the United States and Latin American countries in a solemn act of thanksgiving to God, on the day which has become known as America's "national feast day." To the first Pan-American Mass came the President of the United States, Mr. Taft, members of the Cabinet, Justices of the Supreme Court, members of Congress, high Army and Navy officers, and the diplomats of 21 other American republics. Cardinal Gibbons presided.

Washington was startled and pleased at the innovation. The next year these seeking to attend the Mass would have filled the church several times. Since 1909 the Masses have continued. Presidents and the highest officials of the United States Government, and ambassadors of the many republics attending. The devout purpose of thanking God has ever been uppermost, but incidentally, the Mass has done another great service in demonstrating to the representatives of Latin countries that Catholics of the United States are numerous, progressive and an important part of the populace, and that this country is not wholly Protestant, as they often have been told. In 1912 representatives of the American republics gratefully presented Monsignor Russell with a silver loving cup for his service toward a better understanding among them.

Monsignor Russell also instigated two field Masses at the foot of the Washington Monument. He instituted a double choir at St. Patrick's which attained note far from Washington. He improved the church greatly and built a \$30,000 addition to the school. At one time he entertained three cardinals at St. Patrick's, in the days when there was only one American cardinal.

In December, 1916, Monsignor Russell was appointed Bishop of Charleston, S. C., and in March, 1917, he was consecrated by Cardinal Gibbons in the presence of 18 bishops. A city-wide farewell reception was given him, with high Government officials present. In his new field, which was missionary, with fewer than 10,000 Catholics, he immediately set to work founding many new missions and improving Catholic education. He built a splendid central high school and a large hospital. That these works might progress, he made numerous trips north to gain support where Catholics were more numerous and was highly successful in this purpose.

Leader in War Work When the war came, he threw himself into the emergency work unsparingly, and his broad vision contributed much to the remarkable success of the National Catholic War Council, in whose administrative committee he was a leading spirit.

Bishop Russell's great contribution to the cause of the Catholic press came when the War Council was converted into the peace-time National Catholic Welfare Council (now Conference). He was made the first Episcopal Chairman of the Department of Publicity, Press and Literature, and led in the formation of the N. C. W. C. News Service through the expansion of the limited news service conducted by the Catholic Press Association. To the task he devoted his breadth of vision and great energy without stint, and, the Department once organized, he directed it wisely and energetically for two years.

There can be little doubt that this constant spending of himself in projects for the Church's advancement weakened his resistance when disease attacked him. For the last year he had been in poor health, and about three months ago he became seriously ill with heart disease. Since that time he had made a valiant fight, his indomitable courage carrying him along. For weeks before his death, his condition was regarded as critical, and prayers had been offered up throughout his diocese for his recovery. For in the Diocese of Charleston, as in his previous posts, his kindness and piety no less than his enterprise and vision in his priestly work had won for him universal esteem and affection.

Prep. Seminarians Give St. Patrick's Day Play.

Featured by the presentation of the rollicking three-act farce-comedy, "Give and Take," St. Patrick's Day celebration was a most enjoyable one for the students of St. Joseph's.

The Columbian Literary Society comedians interpreted the abundant humor crowded into the three acts from beginning to end, in a perfect manner, and kept the appreciative audience keyed to laughter throughout the program. The comedy deals with the usual incidents which happen when a manager of a large business is assisted in the management by his newly-graduated son along with all of his employees. The musical numbers were furnished by the students' band under the direction of Prof. Paul C. Tonner.



WINS TEXAS STATE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP. The basketball quint of St. Edward's University were victors in the tournament at Abilene two weeks ago. They took five of the six games. Right are: Solomon, Reilly, Durrenberger and Esparmer. In the group (left to right): Foster. Back row: Desautel, James, Call and Woelber, coach.

What to do on a rainy day? What amusement can you have during Lent? What would make a splendid birthday gift? What would please a friend who is ill?

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Pope Pius Praises Benedictines' Work On Vulgate Revision

Rome.—Pope Pius XI, in a letter published in the *Acta Apostolicae Sedis*, official Vatican journal, praises highly the revision of the Book of Genesis recently completed under the direction of Dom Henri Quentin, O. S. B. This work is a part of the revision of the Vulgate, which Pius X put in the hands of a specially appointed commission. The text of the letter is as follows:

"Very dear son, greetings and apostolic benediction:

"It is indeed pleasing that the Pontifical Commission of monks of Saint Benedict appointed by Pope Pius X has finished its first volume, in which is contained the Book of Genesis (according to the text of Saint Jerome) which you yourself have revised with great care and learning."

Recalls Purpose of Work.

"We have received with much satisfaction the copy of this volume presented to Us. It not only shines as a splendid example of typographical art, but it fulfills perfectly, thanks to modern critique, the desires of the Council of Trent and those of Our predecessors, Pius X and Benedict XV. "This extremely important work also aims not so much at correcting the text commonly employed, as at reconstructing the original text by means of the most important manuscripts now existing. With this end in view, you have spared yourself no pains, very dear son, to bring to light the texts of the principal manuscripts of Europe, and you have then, with the aid of learned co-workers, compared them with one another most carefully. And here it pleases Us to recall that We, ourselves, in so far as We could, have aided you in obtaining the desired result. As to the method followed in the execution of this work, We have spoken at length in Our recent letter *Non mediocriter*.

Confers Apostolic Blessing.

"We offer you, very dear son, well merited praise, you and all the Commission, presided over with so much learning and energy by Our dear son Aidan Gasquet. And praying God to aid you with the light of His wisdom in the accomplishment of this admirable work, with all Our heart. We accord you, very dear son, all the Commission and, especially, Our very dear son Cardinal Aidan Gasquet, Our apostolic benediction as assurance of celestial graces and in testimony of our particular favor."

This homage from a Pope who combines with his authority real scientific knowledge, does great honor to the learned monk of Solesmes, who carried on brilliantly the most glorious traditions of the old Benedictine abbey.

ST. PATRICK'S PLAY.

The play entitled "Diplomacy—Love a la Carte," given by the St. Patrick's Dramatic Society at Lagro, was a pleasing success. Every seat available was taken in the auditorium, and many persons, unable to obtain seats, stood in the rear of the hall to witness the performance.

BOOKS.

Dawn: A Lost Romance of the Time of Christ by Irving Bacheller published by Macmillan Co., of New York, is the story of the woman taken in sin. A just and sober estimate of this volume will give it a high place in the limited field of scriptural romance. No one can come away from reading it without an entirely new idea of the customs, views and everyday life of the peoples of Christ's time. For those who must take the Scriptural geography and topography in chocolate covered pills, this volume will be an interesting revelation.

The Church of Christ by E. S.vester Barry, D. D., who is professor of Apologetics at Mt. Saint Mary Seminary, Emmetsburg, Md., is a volume published by E. Herder Co., St. Louis, Mo. The book is an outgrowth of lectures delivered in the class-rooms of this venerable theological seminary. A preface by Archbishop Curley of Baltimore sets forth the purpose of the volume—is to prove of the claims of the Church to be the Divinely authorized Teacher. The chapter on *The Church and the State* is especially timely, clear and uncompromising. *Christianity, Motherhood and Education*, adopted by R. C. Van der Donckt, mostly from French authors is a volume published by Frederick Pustet and Co., of Cincinnati, and sells at \$2.00. It fills a long felt need in our Catholic literature, a professional book on the highest and noblest profession in the world. Another Pustet publication, *Father Garces's God in His World*, which retails at \$1.50. Until it opens the volume the meaning of the title is a little obscure but one glance at it shows you that you have a beautifully illustrated volume of Catholic travel taking you to those parts of the world where God really manifested Himself not only as Creator but as the loving and interested Father of the human race. A trip to Lourdes to the country of the *Our Ards*, the passion play at Oberammergau, the Catacombs of Rome to many other spots interesting to the Catholic heart are visited in the second series of Father Garces's journal.

Red Bird Tea Towels Please Housewife Several Catholic ladies have expressed their pleasure and surprise with the Red Bird Tea Towels recently obtained through an advertisement in Our Sunday Visitor.

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"Are you laughing at me?" demanded the irate Professor of his class. "No," came the answer in chorus. "Well," insisted the Professor, "what else is there in the room to laugh at?"—The Catholic Outlook.